

GEORGIA BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF LICENSED DIETITIANS
February 5, 2010 BOARD MEETING

The Georgia Board of Examiners of Licensed Dietitians met on February 5, 2010 at the Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Georgia Secretary of State located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Nancy Walters, MMSC, RD, LD Chairman
Jessie Wright, MS, RD, LD, Cognizant
Joan Fischer, PhD, RD, LD
Frances Cook, MA, RD, LD
Dee Dee Williams

MEMBERS ABSENT

Tracey Neely, MS, RD, LD Vice-Chairman

STAFF PRESENT

Sandy Bond, RN, MSN, MBA, Executive Director
Wylencia Monroe, JD, Assistant Attorney General (via conference phone)
Katrina Martina, Licensing Analyst Supervisor
Pam Candler, Board Support Specialist

BOARD LIAISON

Gail Stinson (during open session only)

Ms. Walters called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m. on Friday, February 5, 2010. A quorum to conduct disciplinary matters was determined to exist.

Ms. Walters asked the group to review Board Rules and Policies and to be prepared to discuss possible changes at the next meeting

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ms. Wright moved to approve the amended agenda, Dr. Fischer seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

Ms. Williams moved to approve the December 2009 minutes as amended, Ms. Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LIAISON REPORT

Ms. Stinson stated that the Newsletter has gone out to all members of the association and asked who was planning to attend. Dr. Fischer stated that she would set up a table and Nancy Walters stated that she would also be attending the meeting. Ms. Stinson stated that President Moore wanted to know if the Board would be dissolved due to published budget reductions. Ms. Bond stated that all Boards were being reviewed as a standard practice.

Ms. Stinson left the meeting at the conclusion of her presentation.

CORRESPONDENCE

Terrie Alby – The board discussed dietitian supervised practicums. Several concerns were raised regarding the old guidelines which will need to be updated. Ms. Walters will draft a response to Ms. Alby's letter.

BOARD CHAIRPERSONS MEETING WITH MS. HANDEL

Ms. Walters attended the Board Chairpersons meeting in December called by Ms. Handel, Secretary of State. There are 29 boards now offering on-line examination applications, the goal is to process applications 40% faster. Ms. LaGrua, Inspector General, addressed the complaint process. Currently, complaints are being handled expeditiously.

The new Secretary of State appointed to fill Ms. Handel's vacancy is Brian P. Kemp from Athens, Georgia.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Wright moved, Ms. Cook seconded and the Board voted to enter into Executive Session in accordance with O.C.G.A. §43-1-2(K) (1)(2) and O.C.G.A. §50-14-2(1) to discuss Applications and to receive the Assistant Attorney General's Report. In favor of the motion were those present who included Board Members: Williams, Wright, Cook, Fischer and Walters. The Executive Session was concluded in order to vote on these matters and to continue with the public session.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Bond gave a report on several administrative items. On-Line Exam applications for Registered Nurses is making the process more efficient. She reminded the group that License Renewal period is from January through March 31, 2010 and the two Board Members reviewing Continuing Education Audits will be Dr. Fischer and Ms. Walters.

COGNIZANT REPORT

(DIET – Diet Investigative Case Number)

LDI100001 Case was referred to enforcement.

LDI070010 Case will be sent back to Enforcement in order to obtain more information.

LDI090004 Case was referred to Disciplinary Consultant for a letter, to be approved by the Assistant Attorney General.

LEGAL SERVICES/ENFORCEMENT AND ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE

Ms. Wylencia Monroe, provided a status report, which included information on any cases referred for action, requests for advice and/or requests for authority for proposed rules. Dr. Fischer moved to accept the Assistant Attorney General's report. Ms. Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously

APPLICANT REVIEW

(DIET – Diet Investigative Case Number)

LDI00707 Ms. Wright moved to write applicant a letter asking that she submit to a criminal background report to be reviewed by Ms. Williams. In the absence of any findings, issue a license. Ms. Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LDI1219600 Dr. Fischer moved to approve licensure with a letter of concern for unlicensed practice. Ms. Williams seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LD1217173 Ms. Cook moved to issue a provisional license. Ms. Wright seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

APPLICATIONS APPROVED BY STAFF GUIDELINES

Ms. Wright moved to ratify 22 administratively issued licenses from December 2, 2009 through January 31, 2010. Dr. Fischer seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Ms. Wright moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Williams seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.


Nancy G. Walters, MMSC, RD, LD Chairman

Sylvia Bond, RN, MSN, MBA
Executive Director

Minutes Recorded by:

Pam Candler, Board Support Specialist

Minutes reviewed and edited by:

Sylvia Bond, Executive Director

The minutes were recorded by Pam Candler, Board Support Specialist and approved on _____